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FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SUBJECT: SUNDAY NEWS SUMMARY

WASHINGTON STAR

FRED BARNES WRITES THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES OF MAKING SIGNIFICANT HEADWAY TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT DURING HIS TALKS BEGINNING TODAY WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT.

IN A SPEECH IN VIENNA YESTERDAY BEFORE FLYING TO SALZBURG, SADAT SAID HE WOULD EXHAUST EVERY POSSIBILITY OF REACHING A SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL BEFORE CONSIDERING GOING TO WAR AGAIN.

THE EXPRESSIONS OF RENEWED HOPE ABOUT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT TENDED TO OVERSHADOW THE ACTIVITY IN SPAIN, MOST OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE MORE CEREMONIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE. (A-1).

MARTHA ANGLE PREVIEWS THE SENATE DEBATE OVER THE MILITARY PROCUREMENT BILL DUE TO BEGIN TOMORROW AND NOTES THAT PROSPECTS FOR ANY REAL SLASHES IN THE PROCUREMENT BUDGET APPEAR ALMOST AS SLIM AS THEY WERE IN THE HOUSE. THERE IS TOO MUCH UNEASINESS ABOUT AMERICA'S POSITION IN THE WORLD TO GIVE CONGRESS CONFIDENCE THAT A MAJOR REDUCTION IN MILITARY SPENDING WOULDN'T BE SEEN AS WEAKNESS. (A-2).

JEREMIAH O'LEARY WRITES THAT WHETHER FRANCO'S DEATH AND THE ACCESSION OF PRINCE JUAN CARLOS DE BORBON TO THE THRONE WOULD OPEN THE NATO DOORS TO SPAIN IS CONJECTURAL. THE PRESIDENT AND YOU HAVE TO ADAPT YOURSELVES TO THE SITUATION AS IT NOW STANDS.

THE WHOLE POINT OF THE NATO SUMMIT AND THE TRIP TO SPAIN, OF COURSE, WAS TO STRENGTHEN A BADLY-WEAKENED NATO. ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER THE FORD-KISSINGER TEAM ACCOMPLISHED THAT. (A-4).

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FRED BARNES NOTES THAT COUPLED WITH HIS POPULAR HANDLING OF THE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR, FORD'S TOUR THROUGH EUROPE LEAVES HIM IN PERHAPS THE BEST POLITICAL POSITION SINCE HIS PARDON OF FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON LAST SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION, ONE OF THE MORE INTRIGUING DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, BEARING ON POLITICS, IS THE APPARENT REEMERGENCE OF THE CLANDESTINE CAMPAIGN BY WHITE HOUSE AIDES TO WEAKEN YOUR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. DESPITE, HOWEVER THE ANTI-KISSINGER MANEUVERING, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT FORD HAS CHANGED HIS VIEW THAT YOU ARE INDISPENSIBLE. IN EVERY DIPLOMATIC MEETING IN BRUSSELS, YOU WERE AT THE PRESIDENT'S SIDE. (A-8).

NEVILLE KAMAKARATNE, A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT FROM CEYLON HAILS YOUR CALL FOR INTERDEPENDENCE AND ASSERTS THAT THE PROBLEMS FACING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, HUMAN PROBLEMS, CAN BE MET AND OVERCOME IF THERE IS PROPER COOPERATION IN THE PROPER FIELDS AMONGST THE RICH NATIONS FIRST AND BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POORER ONES LATER, ON THE VAST SPECTRUM OF HUMAN ACTIVITY RANGING FROM POPULATION CONTROL FOOD PRODUCTION, EDUCATION, HEALTH FACILITIES, THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGY.

CARL T. ROMAN NOTES THAT THIS MAY WELL BE THE MOST CRUCIAL PERIOD FOR THE MID-EAST SINCE ISRAEL CAME INTO EXISTANCE 27 YEARS AGO. WITHIN SIX WEEKS FORD MUST MAKE SOME DIFFICULT DECISIONS AS TO HOW MUCH TO CHANGE UNITED STATES POLICY, IF AT ALL, ULTIMATELY, AMERICAN VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS MUST RATIFY OR REJECT THAT DECISION.

R.H. SMITH, USN (RET) WRITES THAT THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE UNITED STATES CAN NO LONGER SUPPORT THE KEY ELEMENTS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY. THE EVIDENCE FORCES ITSELF UPON US THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN FORCED BACK TO A STRATEGY OF MASSIVE NUCLEAR RETALIATION AS ITS SOLE MEANS OF KEEPING IN CHECK THE OTHERWISE UNLIMITED AMBITIONS OF ITS ENEMIES. THE POWER OF OUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS STILL THERE, BUT IS THE USE OF IT CREDIBLE? THE MILITARY CHOICE OF THE UNITED STATES, IF IT IS TO PREVAIL IN THE YEARS AHEAD, IS VIRTUALLY SINGULAR: IT MUST BUILD UP ITS CONVENTIONAL FORCES TO LEVELS THAT MATCH U.S. MISSIONS. BUT MUCH MORE, IT MUST REVIVE IN ITSELF THE WILLINGNESS TO MAINTAIN A BOLD AND UNAPOLOGETIC WORLD-WIDE PRESENCE AND MAKE CLEAR THAT IT WILL USE THOSE FORCES AS NECESSARY. CROSBY S. NOYES EDITORIALIZES THAT THOUGH IT IS CLEAR ENOUGH THAT NORTH KOREA'S KIM IL SUNG IS BANKING HEAVILY ON THE AVERSION IN THIS COUNTRY TO ANY FURTHER MILITARY INVOLVEMENT ON THE ASIAN MAINLAND, IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN HOW HE PLANS TO EXPLOIT IT. AT THIS POINT, KIM'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN POWER FROM THE MAINLAND. HE IS FAR MORE LIKELY

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TO ACHIEVE IT BY HIS PRESENT SABRE-RATTLING TACTICS THAN BY STARTING A WAR, THAT CAN COME LATER, AFTER THE AMERICANS ARE GONE.

THE WASHINGTON POST

MIGUEL ACOCA WRITES THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND SPANISH OFFICIALS LED BY GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO AGREED YESTERDAY THAT SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE THEIR MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE INTERESTS OF WESTERN DEFENSE.

U.S. OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT MR. FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHO CAME FROM THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS, WERE PREPARED TO "MODIFY" THE AGREEMENT GRANTING THE UNITED STATES THE RIGHT TO USE AIR AND NAVAL BASES IN SPAIN. (A-1).

THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY ENDED ITS BOYCOTT OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT AND CLOSED YESTERDAY RANKS WITH THE COUNTRY'S REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY LEADERS.

A FOUR-HOUR MEETING WITH THE RULING 29-MAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL YIELDED THE SOCIALISTS A PROMISE THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD CORRECT SOME "DISTORTIONS" IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. (A-1).

MICHAEL GETLER REPORTS THAT BELGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER PAUL VANDEN BOEYNANTS WILL MEET WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES R. SCHLESINGER MONDAY AMID STRONG INDICATIONS THAT BELGIUM WILL JOIN WITH THREE OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN PURCHASING THE NEW U.S.-BUILT F-16 JET FIGHTER PLANE.

A BELGIAN DECISION TO FAVOR THE F-16 OVER THE FRENCH-BUILT MIRAGE F-1 FIGHTER WOULD BRING TO A CLOSE WHAT PROBABLY HAS BEEN THE MOST BITTER INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS BATTLE EVER WAGED OVER PRODUCTION OF A NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM. (A-1).

BRAZIL HAS ARRANGED TO OBTAIN FROM WEST GERMANY THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD GIVE IT THE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND U.S. OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MILITARY-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO OPT FOR THE BOMB.

BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES INSIST, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE GERMANS IS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY.

THE DEVELOPMENT LENDING IMMEDIACY TO THE BRAZILIAN CASE IS AN ACCORD NOW BEING COMPLETED WITH THE STEAG, AG CONSORTIUM OF ESSEN FOR PROVISION OF SEVERAL LARGE NUCLEAR REACTORS, FUEL-PROCESSING PLANTS AND, MOST IMPORTANT, A URANIUM-ENRICHMENT PLANT USING A UNIQUE PROCESS. (A-1).

THE ARAB AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES ARE NOT STORING UP AS MANY IDLE DOLLARS AS WAS FEARED WHEN THEY FIRST QUADRUPLD THE PRICE OF THEIR OIL TWO WINTERS AGO.

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NOR DO THEY SEEM TO BE USING MANY OF THOSE DOLLARS IN ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WAS FEARED: TO BUY UP U.S. CORPORATIONS. (A-2).

FOLLOWING A TENSE WEEK IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW ITS AID MISSION FROM LAOS AND HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS WERE EVACUATED, LIFE IN VIENTIANE SEEMS TO HAVE SETTLED BACK TO ITS USUAL DROWSY PACE.

BUT THE CALM IS SUPERFICIAL. LAOS IS GOING THROUGH A COMMUNIST REVOLUTION, AND VIENTIANE IS THE HUB OF A CHANGE THAT IS LIKELY TO PUT THE COUNTRY THROUGH PERIODS OF CONVULSIONS FOR YEARS TO COME. (A-14).

PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS WILL VISIT CHINA JUNE 7 TO 11 THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. THE TRIP COULD LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT MARCOS' DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS WILL 'REFLECT THE STEADY IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES'. MARCOS ALSO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS MOVING TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PLACED LARGE QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SOUTH KOREA AND THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT " AT ANY MOMENT."

A NORTH KOREAN BROADCAST MONITORED HERE QUOTED KIM AS TELLING AN ALGERIAN NEWSPAPER, ' THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP THEIR WILD AMBITION TO INVAD E THE WHOLE OF KOREA BY KEEPING SOUTH KOREA IN THEIR GRIP AND USING IT AS A BASE.'

THE UNITED STATES IS GOING AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF AIR AND NAVAL RECONNAISSANCE FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN DESPITE SOME OPPOSITION FROM CONGRESS, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE PHILIP HABIB SAID. HABIB SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS "NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTION AT ALL IN THE INDIAN OCEAN," AND THAT THE MOVE IS TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF U.S. SHIPS AND COMMITMENTS IN THE AREA.

LEBANON'S POLITICAL CRISIS SHOWED NO SIGNS OF EASING TODAY AS FIGHTING BETWEEN RIGHT-WINGERS PHALANGISTS AND LEFT-WINGERS SPREAD FROM BEIRUT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE DEATH TOLL IN 11 DAYS OF THE LATEST ROUND OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE PHALANGISTS-MOST OF THEM CHRISTIANS-AND THE PREDOMINANTLY MOSLEM LEBANESE SUPPORTERS OF THE PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS CLIMBED TO AT LEAST 105.

MURREY MARDER SAYS PRESIDENT FORD EXPECTS TO FIND EGYPTIAN

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PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT PREPARED FOR 'SOME PROGRESS' IN A 'CRUCIAL MEETING' ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI DEADLOCK IN SALZBURG ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY, AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WERE TOLD TODAY. AS THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY ARRIVED IN THE SPANISH CAPITAL TODAY, PRESIDENT FORD AND SEC OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WERE MOVING TOWARD A CLIMAX OF TWO WEEKS OF INTERLOCKING DIPLOMACY. FIRST KISSINGER AND THEN THE PRESIDENT AND KISSINGER TOGETHER HAVE ZIG-ZAGGED BY JET ACROSS WESTERN EUROPE TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES AFTER U.S. SETBACKS IN MARCH IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN APRIL IN INDOCHINA.

THEY HAVE PURSUED THREE OVERLAPPING OBJECTIVES: TO REASSERT U.S. LEADERSHIP IN THE WEST, TO TRY TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF AMERICAN-SOVIET DETENTE AND TO GRAPPLE WITH THE MOST URGENT WAR OR PEACE DANGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE POST SAYS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BROADEN THE FOCUS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MIDEAST (REASSESSMENT) IN SEVERAL DIMENSIONS. AN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE NEXT INTERIM ARRANGEMENT FOR A LONGER TIME PERIOD MIGHT FILL SOME PART OF THE POLITICAL GAP, FOR INSTANCE. A BIGGER EFFORT TO INVOLVE SYRIA AND ISRAEL IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS COULD ALSO BE USEFUL. (WISELY SYRIA HAS GIVEN ITSELF A BREATHING SPELL AND INVITED JUST SUCH AN INITIATIVE BY RENEWING THE UN PEACE FORCE FOR SIX MORE MONTHS, ENDING ON NOV. 30.) ANOTHER POSSIBILITY- AND ONE WE HAVE ADVOCATED BEFORE IN THIS SPACE- IS TO GET THE PARTIES TO SPELL OUT MORE SPECIFICALLY, AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE, THEIR NEGOTIATING GOALS, SO THAT EACH GOVERNMENT AND ITS PUBLIC WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE SEPERATE STEPS IN A NEGOTIATION WERE PROCEEDING TOWARD.

HENRY OWEN PROPOSES A MIDEAST NEGOTIATING FORMULA THAT WOULD BORROW SOMETHING BOTH FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEARCH FOR AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT AND FROM THE NOTION THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD NOW MOVE TO A GENERAL SETTLEMENT. UNDER THIS INTERMEDIATE COURSE, THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND ISRAEL WOULD AGREE SIMUTANEOUSLY TO TWO IMPORTANT STEPS: FIRST, THEY WOULD AGREE TO THE OUTLINES OF THE OVERALL SETTLEMENT THAT THEY EXPECT TO ACHIEVE EVENTUALLY. SECOND, THEY WOULD AGREE ON CERTAIN LIMITED STEPS TOWARD THE GENERAL SETTLEMENT.

THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS COURSE IS THAT IT WOULD COMMIT THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO FULL PEACE AND ISRAEL TO FULL TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS AND IT WOULD THUS GAIN TIME FOR CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER EVENTUALLY TO TAKE THE FINAL STEPS THAT NOW SEEM PRECLUDED BY MUTUAL HOSTILITY.

STILL HARDER QUESTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE FACED IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING SECOND AND THIRD STAGE AGREEMENTS

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BUT THE FIRST STEP IS TO FIND A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THESE QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED. THE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS WITH RABIN AND SADAT MAY OFFER A CHANCE TO TAKE THAT STEP.

JOSEPH KRAFT WRITES THAT THE PRESENT EUROPEAN TRIP IS A TEST OF PRESIDENT FORD AS A LEADER IN FOREIGN POLICY ALL RIGHT, BUT THE ISSUE IS NOT, AS SOME WHITE HOUSE AIDES SEEM TO BELIEVE, WHETHER HE CAN ASSERT HIMSELF OVER YOU. THE TRUE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE PRESIDENT CAN MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS INVOLVED IN SORTING OUT THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF THIS COUNTRY. CERTAINLY THE PRESIDENT HAS SOLID REASON TO WANT TO IDENTIFY WITH FOREIGN POLICY, BUT IT IS SHEER MISCHIEF TO SUGGEST THAT TO ASSERT HIMSELF HE HAS TO DROP YOU, AS THE MISCHIEF GOES ON, IT BECOMES A SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER MR. FORD HAS THE FIBER TO TOLERATE SUBORDINATES OF TRULY HIGH ABILITIES.

THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE BALTIMORE SUN WILL FOLLOW LATER.

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